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1 November 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY PROJECT DIRECTOR:

SUBJECT: Shortage of Film [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A 1. As per our conversation this date, the following information is offered as a chronological picture leading up to the critical shortage of film at [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A 2. On 15 October 1956, [REDACTED] 0957 (IN 07083) advised this office that their supply of 70 MM film was critically low. This same date, Eastman Kodak was requested to ship an assortment of film totaling 72 packages to be at Griffiss Air Force Base prior to noon 19 October. On 17 October, [REDACTED] 5285 (OUT 56262) Info: [REDACTED] was advised 25X1A of the quantities and approximate Dover departure of the shipment of film. They were further advised that this shipment would be routed via Chateauroux for delivery to [REDACTED] by ALS Express flight. Also, on 25X1A 17 October, [REDACTED] 5286 (OUT 56263) [REDACTED] was informed directly of the 25X1A shipment of film for [REDACTED] and requested to advise [REDACTED] 25X1A in order that shipment would be expedited through Chateauroux to destination.

25X1A 3. On 29 October 1956, in checking through the New York Port, it was discovered that the film may not have moved as no record could be found because of an extremely heavy priority-one backlog of engines. The only information obtained at the time was the AWB number which was transmitted to [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A 4. On 30 October 1956, [REDACTED] 5636 (OUT 56926) to [REDACTED] detailed information on the shipment indicating flight numbers and departure dates Dover, manifest numbers, etc. were forwarded. Also, [REDACTED] was requested to take the necessary steps to assure rapid movement of the film from Chateauroux to [REDACTED] 25X1A 25X1A

25X1A 5. This date an Operational Immediate was sent to [REDACTED] Info [REDACTED] 5714 (OUT 57059), requesting that they determine the whereabouts of the film and advise this headquarters immediately.

6. In order to assure adequate supplies of film at overseas locations, it has been determined that a 60-day level will be maintained, 30 days of which will be current operational supplies and the balance emergency supplies. The film stocks will be rotated in order to preclude over-age film on the shelf. Further, an [REDACTED] report is being 25X1A

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put into effect which will require weekly reports from overseas detachments on film level. Headquarters will assume responsibility for assuring that at no time stocks are depleted below the 30-day emergency level.

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[REDACTED]  
Director of Materiel  
PCS/DCI

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